



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 493

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House Bill No. 5466

House of Representatives, April 15, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE OR AMBULANCE DUTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) Any state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or
4 member of a volunteer ambulance service or company [may, with the
5 authorization of his appointing authority, be permitted to respond]
6 shall be entitled to receive full pay for time spent responding to fire
7 calls or ambulance calls during [his] such employee's regular hours of
8 employment without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned
9 overtime accumulation, provided the employee receives prior
10 authorization to respond to such calls from the employee's appointing
11 authority.

12 (b) Any state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer

13 of the American Red Cross may, with the authorization of [his] such
14 employee's supervisor, be granted a leave not to exceed fourteen days
15 in each year to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the
16 American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross,
17 without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime
18 accumulation.

19 (c) Any state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or
20 member of a volunteer ambulance service or company may, with the
21 authorization of [his] such employee's appointing authority, be
22 allowed to attend training sessions or drills during [his] such
23 employee's regular hours of employment without loss of pay, overtime
24 accumulation or sick leave.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows state employees who are volunteer firefighters or members of a volunteer ambulance company to respond to fire or ambulance calls without loss of pay. The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE OR
AMBULANCE DUTY*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that a state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or ambulance service member is entitled to full pay for the time he spends responding to fire or ambulance calls if his appointing authority (e.g., agency commissioner) has previously authorized him to respond to such calls. By law, the employee can respond to the call without losing vacation time, sick leave, or accumulated overtime.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 14 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 49 Nay 0